

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/US2004/039781

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
C12Q1/68

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
C12Q

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1 ☐ Claims Nos
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely

- 2 ☐ Claims Nos
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically

- 3 ☐ Claims Nos
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6 4(a)

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

see additional sheet

- 1 ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims

- 2 ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee

- 3 ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos

- 4 ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos

1-3, 14-59 (partially), 4 and 9 (completely)

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-3, 14-59 (partially), 4 and 9 (completely)

PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence suitable for the analysis of *S.epidermidis*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.epidermidis*.

2. claims: 1-3, 14-59 (partially), 5 and 10 (completely)

PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence suitable for the analysis of *S.hominis*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.hominis*.

3. claims: 1-3, 14-59 (partially), 6 and 11 (completely)

PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence suitable for the analysis of *S.haemolyticus*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.haemolyticus*.

4. claims: 1-3, 14-59 (partially), 7 and 12 (completely)

PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence suitable for the analysis of *S.lugdunensis*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.lugdunensis*.

5. claims: 1-3, 14-59 (partially), 8 and 13 (completely)

PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence suitable for the analysis of *S.saprophyticus*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.saprophyticus*.

6. claims: 1-3,14, 15,25-59 (partially)

PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence, wherein at least a portion of the probe is at least 86% identical to the nucleobase sequence or complement of SEQ ID No.4 suitable for the analysis of *S.warneri*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.warneri* using said probe.

7. claims: 1-3,14,15,25-59 (partially)

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PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence, wherein at least a portion of the probe is at least 86% identical to the nucleobase sequence or complement of SEQ ID No. 9 suitable for the analysis of *S.sciuri*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.sciuri* using said probe.

8. claims: 1-3,14,15,25-59 (partially)

PNA probe comprising a nucleobase sequence, wherein at least a portion of the probe is at least 86% identical to the nucleobase sequence or complement of SEQ ID No. 10 or 11 suitable for the analysis of *S.schleiferi*, probe sets and kits comprising said probe and methods for analysing *S.schleiferi* using said probe.

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